

incoming college freshmen must enroll in a remedial reading, writing, or mathematics class before taking regular courses. If we are going to turn these dismal statistics around this country needs an innovative approach to teaching. The Challenger Learning Center of Alaska is working towards ensuring that our elementary and secondary students of today are the best-educated and motivated college graduates of tomorrow.

The Challenger Learning Center programs will not only create an environment conducive to pursuing the sciences, they will also assist students in developing skills vital to every field. In the Alaska workplace of the 21st century, survival will depend on teamwork, problem solving, communication and decision-making. Like no other educational program, the Challenger Learning Center of Alaska will help all of Alaska's students develop these critical skills while providing the solid educational content that promotes science literacy.

Mr. President, educators continue to site education as the number one determinant in an individual's success. I believe that the Challenger Learning Center of Alaska will profoundly affect the future of Alaska. I commend the Challenger Learning Center staff, Board of Directors, NASA and statewide communities for their tireless efforts and dedication to our young Alaskans.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:24 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4680. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program, to modernize the Medicare Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3240. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify certain responsibilities of the Food and Drug Administration with respect to the importation of drugs into the United States.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 8:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1515. An act to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3051. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior, the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4762. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require 527 organizations to disclose their political activities.

At 9:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to

the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4425) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3240. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify certain responsibilities of the Food and Drug Administration with respect to the importation of drugs into the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on June 28, 2000, he had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1309. An act to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide for the preemption of State law in certain cases relating to certain church plans.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-9482. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Fokker Model F.28 Mark 0070 Series Airplanes; request for comments; docket No. 99-NM-253 [5-12/5-22]" (RIN2120-AA64 (2000-0268)) received on May 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9483. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Maule Aerospace Technology, Inc. M4, M5, M6, M7, MX7 and MXT7 Series Airplanes & Models MT7235 and M8235 Airplanes; request for comments; docket No. 2000-CE-04 [5-9/5-22]" (RIN2120-AA64 (2000-0269)) received on May 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9484. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Unalaska, AK; docket No. 99-AAL-18 [4-24/5-22]" (RIN2120-AA66 (2000-0111)) received on May 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9485. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Albion, NE; direct final rule, request for comments; docket No. 99-ACE-30 [5-5/5-22]"

(RIN2120-AA66 (2000-0112)) received on May 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9486. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishing of Class E Airspace; Salem, MO; docket No. 00-ACE-6 [5-5/5-22]" (RIN2120-AA66 (2000-0113)) received on May 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9487. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Cuba, MO; direct final rule, confirmation of effective date; docket no. 00-ACE-3 [5-2/5-22]" (RIN2120-AA66 (2000-0114)) received on May 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9488. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Marquette, MI; revocation of Class E Airspace; Sayer, MI and K.I. Sawyer, MI; new effective date; docket No. 99-AGL-42 [5-2/5-22]" (RIN2120-AA66 (2000-0116)) received on May 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9489. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Visual Flight Rules; direct final rule; confirmation of effective date [5-19/5-22]" (RIN2120-AG94 (2000-0002)) received on May 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9490. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. MU-2B Series Airplanes; docket No. 97-CE-21 [5-15/5-18]" (RIN2120-AA64 (2000-0244)) received on May 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9491. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Rolls Royce plc RB211-535 Series; docket No. 2000-NE-04 [5-12/5-18]" (RIN2120-AA64 (2000-0245)) received on May 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9492. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 747-200 Series Airplanes equipped with GE CF6-80C2 Series Engines; request for comments; docket No. 2000-NM-93 [5-4/5-18]" (RIN2120-AA64 (2000-0246)) received on May 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9493. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 767 Series Airplanes equipped with GE CF6-80C2 Series Engines; request for comments; docket No. 2000-NM-94 [5-4/5-18]" (RIN2120-AA64 (2000-0247)) received on May 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9494. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: GE Company CF6-6, CF6-45, and CF6-50 Series Turbofan Engines; docket No. 98-ANE-41 [4-24/5-